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Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I announce the establishment of the RP Mentoring Program. The mentoring program will start in July 2003 and focuses on our newest RPs at the RP "A" School in Meridian, MS. Mentors will be assigned to the RP "A" school students from Sailors at their gaining commands. The claimant and service RPs will oversee the assignment of mentors for RP students that will eventually report to commands under their cognizance.

Additionally, one senior RP from our community will visit each "A" school class and conduct a briefing and interact with the students. I believe this program will be a wonderful opportunity for our RP community to connect with the future leaders of our profession.

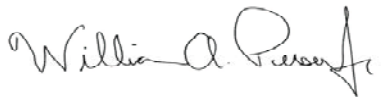
The Senior Enlisted Advisor for the RP rating will be responsible for the primary oversight of the mentoring program with the assistance of the RP "A/F" Program Manager. The RP Schools Program Manager will coordinate the school visits by the senior RPs and be the liaison with the claimant and service RPs regarding the assignment of mentors.

The success of the program will demand a team effort from everyone that is involved with the program. The Chief of Chaplains, RADM Iasiello plans a flag officer/SEA visit annually to the "A" school.

I encourage the claimant and service RPs to get the word out to your troops about the program and encourage our top performers to volunteer as mentors. Also inform your leadership about this program.

I will provide you periodic updates on the program as we progress. The attachments below provide an overview of the RP Mentoring Program and some additional resource information regarding mentors. Good luck and thanks again for all that you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William A. Person Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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